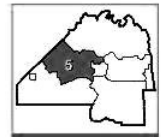


# Northwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

## **August 9, 2018 Meeting Summary**

The Legend's Center, Community Room, 5130 Soutel Drive, 6 p.m.



### **Meeting Attendance**

#### **CPAC Members:**

CPAC Chair: Tyrona Clark-Murray  
Cherokee Cove: William Anthony  
Better Living: Elaine Billups  
Moncrief Springs: Carlotta McIntosh  
Ribault Manor: Bettye Scott  
Carver Manor/Lincoln Estates: Larry Solomon  
Riverview: Doretha Tompkins

#### **City Staff:**

District 10 Council Member: Terrance Freeman  
JFRD: Chief Chip Drysdale  
Public Works: Chris LeDew  
Code Compliance: Ernest Murphy  
Public Library: Marshelle Berry  
Planning and Development: Devin Scott  
Neighborhoods: Shaun Rycroft  
Neighborhood Services Office: Amy Holliman

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#### **Visitors:**

Christian Gonzalez-Orbegoso: The New Florida Majority  
Tom Larson: Self-Help Credit Union  
Tracie Thornton: Renewed Communities  
Jaqueline Harrington: Grand Park

Artis L. Warthen  
George Maxey: New Town Success Zone  
Brenda Ford: New Town Success Zone  
Fronita Stripling: Carver Manor  
Shelton Chappell: US1/New Kings Road

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- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, after which staff confirmed that a quorum is present.
- 2. Presentations:** The New Florida Majority Organizer, Christian Gonzalez-Orbegoso ([christian@NewFloridaMajority.org](mailto:christian@NewFloridaMajority.org): 305-733-7163), gave a presentation about The New Florida Majority and how it serves the community. The New Florida Majority is an independent political organization working to increase the voting and political power of marginalized and excluded constituencies toward an inclusive, equitable, and just Florida. A cornerstone of the organization's beliefs is defending and expanding the voting rights of all citizens, including those who are new to the country, raising children on their own, struggling to make a living, or returning from incarceration.
- 3. Elected Officials Report:** Terrance Freeman, District 10 Council Member ([tfreeman@coj.net](mailto:tfreeman@coj.net): 630-1684), reported that he would move forward with the projects currently planned for the district by his predecessor. He is also planning a town hall meeting with city department heads in attendance.
- 4. Approval of the Summary:** Carlotta McIntosh made a motion to accept the summary of the June 2018 CPAC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Elaine Billups and was unanimously approved.
- 5. New Business:** CPAC Chair Clark-Murray asked for volunteers to head up the holiday dinner after the November CPAC meeting. Elaine Billups and Carlotta McIntosh stated they would help the chair with the event.
- 6. Chairs Report:** Chair Clark-Murray reported that several Capitol Improvement Projects have been approved for the district. They include the Ribault Scenic Drive bridge repair, several improvements along McCoys Creek, the Soutel Road Diet project, Dallas Graham Library renewal, Winton Drive Park improvements, Ribault River Drive fishing structure renovations, Mt. Olive Cemetery restoration, and the Riverview boat ramp repairs. Visitor Tracie Thornton stated that there were funds allocated in the Capital Improvement Plan for public art on the grounds of the Legends Center at the time of construction and the art has not been installed to date. She would like to know if those funds are still allocated. Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray will work on finding that information.
- 7. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports**
  - Land Use and Zoning Subcommittee:** Devin Scott, City Planner ([devinsco@coj.net](mailto:devinsco@coj.net): 255-7808), reported that the subcommittee did not meet. If anyone would like to review the applications, the subcommittee will meet 30 minutes prior to the monthly CPAC meeting. Devin Scott also reported that the Planning Department will present the conceptual plans for the Soutel Road Diet project to the community for review prior to taking any action.

- **Transportation:** Larry Solomon deferred to Chair Tyrona Clark-Murray to give the report. She reported that the North Florida TPO met last week and that she submitted a request for a dedicated turning lane at Soutel Drive and US1. That request has been forwarded to the Florida Department of Transportation. The FDOT responded that for now they will increase the timing on the left turn arrow.
- **TRUE Commission:** Camilla Collins is going through the process of appointment to the TRUE Commission to represent the Northwest CPAC.

## 8. Staff Reports

- **Public Works:** Chris LeDew, Chief of Traffic Engineering ([cle dew@coj.net](mailto:cle dew@coj.net): 255-7533), reported on the projects that are managed by Public Works. He reported that the traffic engineering study is underway regarding the Soutel Road Diet project. He also explained some advantages of implementing a road diet, the most important of which is safety. CPAC member Elaine Billups expressed concern about the installation of the four-way stop at Van Gundy Road and Winton Drive. Chris LeDew responded that it was installed due to the number of crashes at the intersection. CPAC Member Larry Solomon asked why there was such an emphasis on bicycle lane development in the city. Chris LeDew explained that Jacksonville needs to improve safety for both pedestrians and bicyclists. A CPAC visitor asked about slowing the traffic on the curve on Palmdale Street between Aubrey Avenue and Restlawn Drive. He would like to know if speed bumps would be an option. Chris LeDew reported that there is a traffic calming program as long as 75 percent of the neighbors agree. CPAC visitor Shelton Chappell would like to see infrastructure added in the area prior to cosmetic changes. Adding that there are still areas in the Northwest that do not have water and sewerage available.
- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue:** Chief Chip Drysdale ([drysdale@coj.net](mailto:drysdale@coj.net): 630-0861), reported that Chief Adrian Johnson has retired and now he will attend the Northwest CPAC in Johnson's place. The State of Florida's Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee awarded The Star of Life award to Engine 36 and Engine 34 for saving a boy's life. Both of these crews are in the Northwest District. This is the highest life-saving award in the state.
- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Earnest Murphy, Municipal Code Compliance Senior Officer ([EMurphy@coj.net](mailto:EMurphy@coj.net): 255-7096), reported that the three internet café gaming sites reported at the previous meeting are operating legally.
- **JTA:** Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager ([CRiddick@jtafla.com](mailto:CRiddick@jtafla.com): 632-5522), had to leave but left information for Amy Holliman to share. Cheryl provided rack cards for the service changes on Monday, brochures on the Game Day Shuttle, a flier on the Bikes on Busses program and a list of all the JTA public meetings for August.
- **Neighborhoods:** Shaun Rycroft, Housing Property Analyst ([srycroft@coj.net](mailto:srycroft@coj.net): 255-8272), reported that the Neighborhood Matching Grant program will be available for application very soon. Neighborhoods should begin preparing for their grants by meeting to discuss possible improvements, collecting estimates and holding fundraisers for the grant's financial match.

## 9. Public Comments:

- Visitor Tracie Thornton of Renewed Community Initiatives announced that her group has been working on several beautification projects throughout the district. Volunteers and new members to the organization are always welcome.

10. **Adjourn:** CPAC Member Bettye Scott motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Larry Solomon seconded and all members agreed. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**Next CPAC Meeting:** Thursday, September 13, 2018, 6 p.m. at the Legends Center, Community Room, 5130 Soutel Dr.

A copy of the audio recording of this Urban Core CPAC meeting is available through a Public Information Request by calling 630-CITY. Details about Public Records can be found on the City's Website here: [Public Records](#).